THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Constitutions (93rd Amendment) Act, 2005, enables the State to make by law, provisions for the advancement of the weaker section *i.e.* the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes in matters of admission to all educational institutions other than minority educational institutions. State Governments have been advised to take action to enact suitable laws for this purpose for the educational institutions falling under their jurisdiction.

(b) No such information is being maintained, centrally.

(c) Does not arise.

Answer sheets to students

2757. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to instruct all higher education bodies to provide photocopies of answer sheets to the X, XII and graduate students in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) At present there is no decision to instruct various examining bodies to give photocopies of the answer sheets to the X, XII or higher education students in the country since this is an area within the realm of their academic autonomy.

Applications from Kerala pending with AICTE

2758. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1390 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 2006 and state:

(a) the details of the 13 applications received for setting up of new degree level technical institutions in Kerala; and

(b) the details of six cases where deficiencies have been communicated and the details of such deficiencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (b) As reported by AICTE, the details of the 13 applications received for setting up of new degree level technical institutions in the State of Kerala are at Statement-I.